

NLRB RULES BANKS MUST OBSERVE ACT

Decision, Reinstating One Employee, Covers 16,000 Banks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board tonight extended its jurisdiction over employees in approximately 16,000 banks.

The board ruled that the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association of California, San Francisco, one of the five largest banks in the United States and one of the world's 10 largest, was an employer engaged in commerce within the meaning of the Wagner Act and had violated that law.

Only one employee was involved in the case but the decision was considered of much significance because it was the first board ruling affecting banks. The Bank of America had fought board jurisdiction, asserting that national banks are agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal government and, as such, are synonymous with the "United States" and therefore exempt from the act.

The employee involved, Edward C. Washer, trust department employee, was reinstated with back pay since his discharge on Nov. 27, 1937. The NLRB held that Washer was dismissed for union activity, and overruled a company defense that he had been fired for unsatisfactory services, lack of qualifications, making a false expense claim, and insubordination and insolence toward his superior officers.

The bank was ordered to cease discouraging membership in the United Office and Professional Workers of America (CIO) to which Washer belonged, and to notify its employees through posted notices that they are free to join unions.

The decision was signed by Chairman J. Warren Madden and Edwin S. Smith. William M. Leiser, newest board member, did not participate in the case since it was argued before he transferred to the NLRB from the chairmanship of the National Mediation Board.

Overruling the banks' contention that it is exempt because it is an instrumentality of the Federal government, the board said:

"The United States did not create the respondent (the bank), as it has many other agencies, for the purpose of carrying on its governmental functions. The United States merely provided a permissive means by which the respondent could be organized and do business. Having so permitted the respondent, the United States has subjected it to certain regulation and has conferred upon the respondent certain rights and privileges. While subject to certain governmental regulation, the respondent performs no governmental functions other than such as are purely incidental to its business, such as it might perform for any other person dealing with it."

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Innocent Man Returns from Prison Today

This will be a happy day in the life of Philip Caruso, 24, who comes back to Brooklyn today after serving four months of a 10 to 20-year sentence in Great Meadows Prison for a \$1,100 hold-up he didn't commit.

Caruso will be returned here in preparation for formal vindication tomorrow before County Judge Peter J. Brancato.

District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan's office will join with Caruso's counsel in asking his freedom on the ground that two other men—one a "double" for Caruso—have confessed the robbery.

Detectives spurred on by Caruso's sweetheart, 25-year-old Mary Sarno, cracked down Morris Gottlieb, 28, and Jack Jacobson, 22, as the pair who actually robbed Eugene Scarmelli of 57 Prospect Park S. W., Brooklyn. Caruso, police said, was mistaken by Scarmelli for Gottlieb.

Boards Merged

With the appointment of Hugh R. Jackson as Director of Public Assistance today, the merger of the old Emergency Relief Board and the Department of Welfare will be completed, according to Commissioner of Welfare William Hodson.

Justice Dep't To Try Film Companies for Monopoly

Trial Will Involve Major Theatre Claims Over Nation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (UP).—The Justice Department tomorrow will file suit in U. S. District Court at Buffalo charging the Schine Chain Theatres, Inc., and its affiliated concerns with violation of the Anti-Trust Act.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia announced yesterday that the dropping of some 900 recently appointed city employees appears as an imminent necessity as the result of a "club house decision" by the courts regarding the situation by amendment of the statute.

Attacking the courts bitterly for their "shameless" construction of the bill which provides annual increases of \$120 for city employees, the Mayor said:

"The increments were arbitrarily and capriciously increased \$5.99 by the courts. This was never intended by the law itself. It was one of those peculiar and mysterious actions of the courts. To make it clear, instead of increasing the employee to the top of the grade, the courts mysteriously went beyond the law and read into it an increase up to one penny of the next grade. Just one of those court things."

The Mayor said that judicial orders require the city to pay to certain classes of employees covered by the bill salary increases totaling from \$850,000 to \$900,000 a year, although provision for such increases was not made in the 1938-1940 budget.

COUNCIL TORIES BLOCK REQUEST

He recalled that on March 21st of this year he urged the Council in a special message, "to bring the law back to its original intent" by appropriate amendment. Ten days later, in his annual message on the budget, the Mayor again called attention to this situation, and pointed out that unless the amendment was passed, it would be necessary, because of lack of funds, to lay off employees in order to pay increases to others, as ordered by the courts. The Council pigeon-holed this proposal.

The Mayor said that the annual increment law "was and still is a splendid bill. In providing regular salary increases, fixed by law, it has wiped out the demoralizing and political system of granting salary increases that prevailed therefore. Its enactment meant regular advancement and security for city employees.

"But the courts have now destroyed that security by one of their peculiar decisions completely ignoring the intent of a city statute. They have decided for themselves what shall constitute the maximum salary for a civil service grade or rank. The bill provides that an employee shall receive these annual increments until he has reached the maximum salary for his grade.

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200-Inch Disc To Be Moved And Exhibited

World's Biggest Telescope, Will Take 4 Days to Move 6 Blocks

CORNING, N. Y., Aug. 6 (UP).—Engineers will begin moving a 200-inch telescope disc—one of the largest pieces of glass in the world—from the Corning glass works to a museum in the city square early tomorrow.

The six-block journey is expected to take four days because of the precautions against breakage. The disc, nearly 17 feet in diameter and 27 inches thick, will be transported on a long, underslung trailer truck of the type used to move the heaviest machinery at Boulder Dam.

The building in which the 20-ton glass giant will be housed is dome-shaped to resemble an astronomical observatory. It was built through public subscription and admission will be free.

The disc was poured March 25, 1934 for use in the world's largest telescope now nearing completion in the New Mount Palomar Observatory in California.

Residents of Muttituck, Long Island have asked the authorities to investigate revived Ku Klux Klan activities which resulted in the burning of fiery crosses in that area late Saturday night.

The burning cross, ten feet in height was set afire near the Muttituck High School and bore anti-Semitic legends, reading: "The Jews are invading Muttituck. Look at our beaches. The Jews are not wanted. K.K.K."

Muttituck is about 10 miles from Riverhead, L. I.

Cornell, Hayes Condemn AFL Dual Actors Union

The threat of the newly formed International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees to split the theatrical profession apart by invading the jurisdiction of the established Associated Actors and Artists of America was condemned yesterday in a statement issued by Katherine Cornell famous stage and screen actress.

In a letter sent to Frank Gillmore, president of the A. A. F. of L. parent body in the profession, Miss Cornell wrote, in part:

"I have read with astonishment that a movement is on foot on the part of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees

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EDWARD SMYGLY-RYDZ

POLAND TO RESIST, SAYS SMYGLY-RYDZ; AXIS PACT BRINGS TOKIO CRISIS

Pro-Nazi Officers May Force Resignation of War Minister

TOKIO, Aug. 6 (UP).—War Minister Seishiro Itagaki is expected to withdraw soon from the cabinet, sources close to the government said today.

The reportedly impending shakeup would result directly, it was said, from the "young, officers" insistence upon immediate conclusion of the proposed war alliance with the Rome-Berlin axis, about which Japanese ambassadors to the two fascist powers have been conferring in Italy.

Two of Japan's top military leaders sailed July 24 for a visit to Nazi Germany described as "private" but offering ideal opportunity to represent Japan should negotiations be opened.

Two lieutenant generals who have been supporting the "young officers" demands were mentioned as possible successors to Itagaki. They were Rensuke Osogaki, Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army, and Yoshijiro Umezai, former Vice Minister now on duty in China.

Hard pressed by advancing Chinese forces who have laid siege to the town of Tschow in southeastern Shensi, Japanese forces are retreating north of Tschow are rapidly retreating northward.

The Kaiping-Twanhai highway has been completely purged of Japanese troops.

In a counter-attack launched by Chinese forces against the Japanese at Syasyan, north west of Anhui, Japanese troops were forced to evacuate the city leaving over 300 dead.

The Japanese also suffered heavy losses in a sudden attack of Chinese forces 17 kilometers southeast of Chanchi.

Many Japanese were taken prisoners and a large supply of ammunition and food provisions were captured by the Chinese.

At Mingtiyang, north of Sining, on Aug. 3, Chinese forces dealt another smashing defeat to the Japanese, which Chinese military circles regard as a fiasco in the Japanese drive to the Province of Southern Honan.

Meanwhile, a punitive expedition dispatched from Japanese headquarters has failed to break the determined resistance of Chinese partisans in the vicinity of Shanghai.

A detachment of Chinese attacked the Japanese air base at Hungchao on July 30, and destroyed the entire Japanese guard. Many Japanese-owned buildings were completely demolished.

Kentucky Race For Governor Neck and Neck

AFL-Backed Candidate Has Small Lead Over Brown, CIO Nominee

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 6 (UP).—Lieut.-Gov. Keen Johnson, whose candidacy carries the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor, held a narrow lead tonight over John Young Brown, his CIO-backed rival for the Kentucky Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Returns from only one-fifth of the state's precincts had been counted before tabulating was recessed over the weekend. A definite indicative trend was not expected until late tomorrow.

It was estimated that less than 500,000 voters balloted for Democratic and Republican candidates for state offices in yesterday's primary, despite the feud between President John L. Lewis of the CIO and Gov. A. B. Chandler, who cannot succeed himself under Kentucky law.

The CIO leader backed Brown; attorney for the United Mine Workers of America affiliate in Kentucky, Chandler threw his support and that of the state Democratic organization to Johnson, who also was endorsed by President William Green of the A. F. of L.

In the Democratic gubernatorial race, returns from only 800 of the state's 4,220 precincts gave:

Johnson, 65,320.

Brown, 54,890.

Brown supporters were confident returns from several still-unreported western counties would wipe out Johnson's early lead.

Playmate's Rifle Shot Wounds Boy, 11

Detectives were called to New York Hospital yesterday morning when George Smith, 11, of 868 First Ave., was taken to New York Hospital yesterday by his father, Joseph, for treatment for a gunshot wound in the right shoulder.

The boy was shot by a playmate while they were practicing with a 22-caliber rifle at Brentwood, L. I. Saturday night.

Pittman Urges Strong Stand on Tokio Threats

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (UP).—Chairman Key Pittman, D. Nev., of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said tonight that unless Japan changes her attitude on American rights in China, Congress will empower President Roosevelt to take strong retaliatory measures.

He declared in a formal statement that the United States does not intend to recognize Japan's claim of a "new order" in the Far East.

At the same time he said that "we all hope, of course, that Japan will be actuated by calmer reasoning and will respect the rights of our citizens" provided for in various treaties.

He also predicted that his committee will report favorably to the next session of Congress legislation to repeal the neutrality act's arms embargo provisions in keeping with Administration wishes. He did not predict, however, what course the Senate would take when the issue is revived.

Although Pittman did not specify what retaliatory steps Congress would authorize the President to take against Japan, he obviously referred to economic reprisals—such as embargoes and boycotts. The path to such action was cleared by the Administration's recent abrogation of the 1911 U. S.-Japanese commerce treaty, which becomes effective in December.

"The action of our government with regard to the controversy with Japan, relative to the protection of our citizens, has been firm and consistent, and indicates quite clearly that our Government does not intend to recognize any new order in China," he said.

While Pittman's statement dealt with probable action at the next regular session in January, capital speculation centered on the possibility that President Roosevelt might call Congress back in special session this fall to revise or strengthen the Neutrality Law.

The key to the situation lies in the turn of disturbing events in Europe and the Far East.

Many officials feel, however, that the existence of a grave crisis might also lead the President to call a Special Session in an effort to draft legislation which he believes might avert the outbreak of actual war.

Tokio Pushes North China Anti-American Drive in China

Diseases Spreads, Food Supply Low; 11 Counties Affected

PEIPING, Aug. 6 (UP).—Reports of an anti-American demonstration at Shihliachuan, in Chihli province, after the abrogation of the Japanese trade treaty by the United States, were brought here today by Peiping said.

Three counties in Honan, six in Shantung, 10 in Chahar and 20 in Shansi.

The reports said the inhabitants were living under terrible conditions and that disease was widespread. Epidemics of malaria andague broke out in most affected sections. Food supplies were negligible.

Anti-British demonstrators at Shihliachuan were reported to have badly frightened the wife and children of Major Henry Woodland, Australian Salvation Army officer, in mid-July during the Major's absence.

Travelers reported that 16 British missionaries were still at Taiyuan last Tuesday and were delaying their departure, fearing that the railway was flooded. It was learned that 244 Chinese members of the congregation of the British Baptist Church at Taiyuan, who were arrested last week, had been released, and that 16 were held on charges of organizing an anti-Japanese society.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 6. Japanese air raiders swooped down on two British river steamers today and sunk them.

Property of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. was damaged during the air raid, and one Briton was reported wounded.

Franco Executes 53 for Guard Officers Death

MADRID, Aug. 6 (UP).—Fifty-three persons, including two women, have been executed for the alleged killing of Maj. Isaac Gabaldon of the Civil Guard, his daughter and chauffeur last Thursday, it was announced officially today. Seven others are awaiting execution.

Red Army Song Dance Ensemble To Visit U. S.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, Aug. 6.—The famous Red Army Song and Dance Ensemble will leave the USSR for the New York World's Fair about the end of August. It was announced here today, on a tour of approximately two months through the principal cities of the United States.

The New York concerts will be given early in September, the first, as now planned, being in the Music Hall at the World's Fair.

The Red Army Song and Dance Ensemble is famed throughout Europe as one of the world's greatest aggregations of non-professional folk dancers and singers.

Stalin Honors Soviet Fighters In Far East

Warns Japanese, on Anniversary of Victory at Lake Hassan, That Army Is Prepared To Defend Borders

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Aug. 6.—Joseph Stalin today took the occasion of the first anniversary of the Lake Hassan (Chang-kufeng) fighting to remind the Japanese aggressors of the crushing defeat they suffered at the hands of the Soviet Red Army.

Writing in Pravda, central organ of the Communist Party, Comrade Stalin's article was a significant notice to the Japanese invaders of the Mongolian People's Republic border who have just met another stunning setback.

Stalin wrote that Soviet patriots, together with the men and the commanders and political instructors of the Red Army demonstrated their "indissoluble contact with the armed forces of the land of Socialism and their preparedness, at any moment, to come to the assistance of the army to crush the enemy."

ZAOZERNAYA VICTORY

It was on Aug. 6 last year that the valiant troops of the First Red Banner Army launched a general attack against the Japanese troops who had insolently encroached on Soviet territory. Some hours later the Soviet flag was proudly and victoriously raised over Zaozernaya Height, and all Soviet territory previously seized by the Japanese was freed of enemy troops.

Clamorous Japanese militarists who shouted from the rooftops about the "Invincibility" of their army were routed from Soviet soil, the road of their retreat being strewn with numerous corpses of their soldiers and officers.

The entire world had an opportunity to become convinced of the Red Army's might and of the outstanding bravery of its men, commanders and political commissars. The entire world saw the boundless love of these men for their fatherland and for the great Party of Lenin and Stalin.

26 HONORED

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR declared that August 6th should be observed annually as a holiday in honor of the First Red Banner Army. It conferred the title of Hero of the Soviet Union on 26 commanders, political instructors, surgeons and Red Army men in recognition of their "exemplary fulfillment of the military tasks assigned them and the heroism manifested in the defense of the Hassan district."

Ninety-five of those who participated in the fighting were awarded the Order of Lenin, 1982 the Order of the Red Banner, and 1935 the Order of the Red Star. The Military Valor medal went to 1,362 men, while 1,159 got the medal for distinguished service in action.

Today the Soviet people speak with pride of "our Hassonovites." Songs and legends have been written about them. To "work in a Hassonovite fashion" and to crush the enemy in a Hassonovite fashion" has become a popular slogan.

PRESS COMMENTS

An article in Izvestia, organ of the Soviet Government, on the anniversary of the Lake Hassan fighting, reads in part as follows:

"Wherein lies the secret of the invincibility of the Red Army, the source of its inexhaustible forces and might? The best reply to this question is provided by Stalin's assertion that the Red Army is, first of all, an army of liberated workers and peasants; secondly, that it is an army of the fraternity of the peoples of our

Tyrol Stirred By Unity Call Against Invaders

Hitler and Mussolini Assailed in Tract of Patriots

(Special to the Daily Worker)
INNSBRUCK, Aug. 5.—In the mountains and valleys of the Tyrol a secret leaflet, issued by "A Group of Tyrolean Patriots," has caused a tremendous stir with its call for united action to drive out the fascists invaders.

"Tyrolean brothers," it says, "foreign conquerors have robbed us of our most precious possession, our liberty, our fatherland," and recalls how at the beginning of last century their forefathers, led by Andreas Hofer, rebelled against foreign domination.

"Three times the Tyrol was restored to Austria, because it thinks Austria, feels Austrian, is and will remain Austrian... Unprecedented things are happening in the South Tyrol today. Nowhere have so many fathers been imprisoned because they wanted to educate their children in the mother tongue, nowhere is there such oppression as there is in the South Tyrol."

"And now they are trying to drive our brothers of the South Tyrol out from the land of their fathers. Today our Tyrol, north and south, is the victim of Hitler and Mussolini. Tyroleans of the north groan under the yoke of Nazi Germany, those of the south under that of fascist Italy, ally of the Nazis."

DENOUNCE OPPRESSION

Denouncing the religious, persecution and national oppression forced on them, these "Tyrolean Patriots" continue:

"The German invaders are the enemies of Austrian peasants and workers, of Austrian Catholics and Socialists alike. They are the sworn enemies of our Austrian fatherland."

The Austrians will not let themselves be turned into Prussians neither will Tyroleans fight for foreign interests, says the leaflet, which concludes:

"We are fighting for a united Tyrol, freed from foreign domination, for the liberation of Austrian Tyroleans of the south, for the independence of Austria."

"Workers, peasants, craftsmen, Tyroleans! Remain united in the spirit of Andreas Hofer! Freedom and peace for our country, for our holy land of the Tyrol! Let us rid the Tyrol and Austria of the foreign invaders."

So strong is the anti-fascist feeling in the Tyrol, that Gestapo Chief Himmler has been sent to Innsbruck to organize police suppression of the peasant opposition.

Every link between north and south Tyrol is being destroyed, names of streets, pictures, post-cards, books, papers—and book-sellers have been threatened with internment in Dachau concentration camp if they are caught selling such material.

The object is none other than to arrange a system of exchange of articles between certain Nazi newspapers and the group of British and colonial journals controlled by Lord Kemsley.

In view of the known connections between British government circles and Lord Kemsley, and the latter's close personal friendship with the notorious French Hitlerite, Pierre-Etienne Flandin, democratic circles here view the visit with the greatest misgiving.

London Air Plans Reported Stolen, Found by Bobbie

LONDON, Aug. 6 (UPI).—Lord Kemsley, British press lord, proprietor of the Daily Telegraph and one of the largest newspaper groups in Britain, arrived in Berlin last week, on an important mission.

He has undertaken this trip at the personal and official invitation of the Nazi press chief, Dr. Dietrich, and the greatest satisfaction was being expressed in Berlin last night at this visit.

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Decorate for Soviet Fair



Over 2,000 artists, sculptors and decorators are putting the finishing touches on the decorations of the All-Union Agricultural Exhibition which opens in Moscow on August 1st. Left to right, Krylov, Kupriyanov and Sokolov. Soviet artists well-known for their witty cartoons which they produce jointly under the name of "Kukriniksy." In the background is one of their new paintings, "The Fen of the Village Correspondent," for the Press Pavilion at the All-Union Agricultural Exhibition.

Soviet Parachutists Train



Soviet parachutists are training intensively in preparation for Aug. 18—Traditional Aviation Day in the Soviet Union. Photo shows parachute instructor of the Podolsk Air Club pointing out on the map the spot where the parachutists should land.

11 Danes Flee 12-Hour Day in Nazi Work Camp

Signed Up for Factory Work But Sent to Land; Got Only Beans, Rice to Eat; Money Put in Fund to Finance Nazi Exports

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 6 (ICN).—Growing anxiety over the Government's policy of allowing Danish unemployed to enroll for work in the Third Reich has been sharpened by the return of eleven men from the Nazi Labor Camps, and the story they tell of their experiences.

Instead of being given factory work to do, as stipulated in the labor contract, they were put in a camp for work on the land which lasted from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. with only half-hour breaks for food. Their meals consisted almost solely of rice and beans.

The message reads in part: "Under the regime of District Leader Buerckel, the people of the Saarbasin are put in chains. What can put us to the Nazis because he would not make any concessions to them."

For three days and nights they made their way by foot to Flensburg, living on berries they found in the woods. At Flensburg, the Danish Consul gave them enough money to get to the frontier.

Even pro-Hitler circles in Denmark are voicing their alarm at the mass transport of Danish unemployed to Germany. The men are not allowed to send any of their earnings home.

What they do not use for their own needs is put into a Clearings Account and finances German exports to Denmark.

As the Agrarian Party paper, Aalborg Amtstidende, writes editorially: "It is unique in history that a foreign power has set up a labor recruiting office in Denmark, as Germany has done in Copenhagen, with the consent of Premier Stauning."

It is generally agreed that this practice is economically and politically harmful to the country, and at strange variance with the government's professed neutrality.

World Tourists Arranges Two Soviet Trips

J. N. Golos, manager of World Tourists, Inc., 175 Fifth Ave., pioneers of travel in the Soviet Union, will personally conduct a tour of the Soviet Union during the celebrations of the 22nd anniversary of the October Revolution.

Two tours have been arranged by World Tourists, one providing 10 days in Leningrad and Moscow, the other covering 20 days in Leningrad, Moscow, Kharkov, Dnipropros, Simferopol, Yalta, Odessa and Kiev.

Both tours will enable visitors to witness the marvelous spectacle of the November 7th military parade and celebration in Moscow's Red Square on the anniversary of the Revolution.

"China can now only rely on support from the Soviet Union," concludes this editorial.

FDR to Name Navy Secretary In 2 Months

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (UPI).—President Roosevelt may not appoint a successor to the late Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson until fall, it was learned today.

Chairman David I. Walsh, D. Mass. of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee told the Senate last night that the President "should have time to consider a man for such an important post."

His statement came in connection with his appeal to the Senate to allow Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison to serve as Acting Secretary until Swanson's successor is selected. He said he had been informed that the choice would be made in two months.

Walsh's proposal was accepted without a record vote.

Swanson died last month after a long illness.

Fire Destroys Block in Havana's Chinese Section

HAVANA, Aug. 6 (UPI).—An entire block in the Chinese section of Havana lay in ruins today after a conflagration.

Canadian Union Congress To Act on Unity Issue

The unity question at the T.L.C. convention will undoubtedly center around the rescinding of the suspension order. Unless this suspension of CIO unions is rescinded, the way will still remain open for William Green and his Canadian chieftain, headed by John Noble, dyed-in-the-wool Tory, to complete the splitting of Canadian labor ranks.

The majority of Canadian trade unions desire and understand the need for the maintenance of unity. Indications are that a flood of unity resolutions will descend upon Congress offices at Ottawa before the deadline on Sept. 25. Progressive locals throughout the length and breadth of the country are preparing to send their full quota of unity delegates, in order to defeat the elements seeking a split.

With a Federal election in the offing, and reaction preparing an offensive against the rising tide of democratic forces, progressives warn: "It is essential that unity be maintained in labor's legislative mouthpiece, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. A victory for unity will be a great step forward in the fight for national recovery."

Catholics in Chicago Fight Anti-Semitism

National Catholic Group Announces Radio Programs Are Planned—Priests, Editors, Unionists in Move

A branch of the Committee of Catholics to Fight Anti-Semitism has been formed by some 30 Catholic leaders in Chicago, it was announced today by the national Committee of Catholics to Fight Anti-Semitism, 261 Broadway, New York City. Two radio programs are planned in Chicago, and arrangements have been made for leaflet issuance and distribution, as well as distribution of The Voice, official organ of the Committee to all parts of Chicago.

Its purpose is to carry on the work of the national committee in New York, whose program of activity consists of frequent issuances of literature, radio broadcasts, speakers' bureau, educational program for schools, research bureau, information service and education of Catholics to combat bigotry and anti-Semitism.

The call, issued by John Cogley, editor of the Chicago Catholic Worker, was answered by Edward Marciniak, who was elected chairman of the group. Marie Antoinette Roulet of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, who was elected secretary and the following:

Rev. Bernard E. Burns; Rev. Martin Carrabine, S. J., moderator of the Chicago Inter-Student Catholic Association; Dr. Arthur Fahey, president of the Cook County Physicians Association; Rev. John Hayes; Sister Cecilia, O.S.B.; Mrs. George Brennan, widow of the late Illinois Democratic party leader; the Rev. James B. Keane, O.S.M., national director of the Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother; Rev. Joseph Morrison, rector of Holy Name Cathedral; Dr. Paul E. Munzer of DePaul University; Dr. Ratner of the University of Chicago; Rev. Hugh Calkins, O.S.M.; Rev. Arthur Klyber, C.S.S.R.; Mr. Harry Reed, president of the Chicago Association of Catholic Trade Unionists; Mr. Leon Lukaszewski; Noreen Pine of The New World; and Marguerite Gallagher of the CISCA alumnae.

Prelate Ullitzka, who lived in Ratisbon and enjoyed great popularity with the Catholics in that city, had long been a foe of the Nazis.

The Nazis, anxious to remove him, cooked up the scheme of charging him with embezzlement of public funds but they had to drop the charges when it was revealed that his records were kept accurately and his notes were accurate and honest.

Falling in this effort, the Nazis organized demonstrations in front of the Prelate's house. Stormtroopers broke in and demolished the apartment.

Under the pretense of protecting him from the people's anger, the Nazis expelled Prelate Ullitzka and forbade him ever to speak again.

PARIS, Aug. 6 (ICN).—President Benes has pledged to do everything in his power to save Dr. Ivan Sekanina and the other Czech patriots now in Nazi jails on trumped-up charges.

In a reply to the International Center for Justice and Liberty in Germany, Dr. Benes says that immediately after the news of Dr. Sekanina's arrest, all necessary steps were taken to draw the attention of influential circles to the fate of Dr. Sekanina and the other prisoners."

Though the wave of protest has delayed their proposed trial for the time being, they are still in danger. Deputy Zapotocky is critically ill.

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The fight for their lives and their freedom must be intensified until their liberation has been achieved."

American Killed In Trinidad Oil Rig Collapse

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Aug. 6 (UPI).—Conrad Gaveth, an American driller in the Trinidad oilfields, was killed today when an oil rig under which he was working collapsed.

Mr. Lukashov is the author of over twenty scientific works. In the recent All-Union competition of young scientists Mr. Lukashov took the first prize. He is 33 years old.

Mr. Rosoff, former head of the Amtorg, has been appointed Vice-Commissar of Internal Trade of the U.S.S.R.

Fire Damage \$100,000

LIMA, Peru, Aug. 6 (UPI).—Fire destroyed two important buildings in the commercial district and an adjacent residence today. Damage was estimated at \$100,000.

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RECREATION REPORT SHOWS WPA POPULAR

Program Includes Boxing, Fencing, Cultural and Club Activities, Forums, Dance Classes; 6-Months Attendance 23,000,000

Col. Breton Somervell, New York City Work Projects Administrator revealed yesterday in his semi-annual report of the WPA Recreation project, an immense growth of interest and community participation in the activities offered by this program.

"One method of checking public interest in these recreational activities offered under WPA leadership," said Col. Somervell, "is the record we keep of inquiries which reach us both at headquarters and at the field office of the project."

"During this semi-annual period from January 1 to June 30, more than 2,000 specific requests for locations of these activities were sent us by mail, by phone and through personal calls."

"Another reaction which testifies to community interest in the program is the high daily participating attendance."

"During the period from January to June, the recreation program has had a daily average of 140,797 children and adults attending the activities conducted by WPA recreation leaders." The cumulative attendance for these six months was 17,774,963 children and 5,623,734 adults.

IN 12 AREAS

The recreation program operates in twelve areas in the five city boroughs in five separate work projects under the sponsorship of city departments and agencies.

From January to June this part of the program employed an average of 1,100 recreation leaders and other workers and conducted activities in 165 locations throughout the city.

The schedule of activities of Recreational Agencies covers the wide field of recreation ranging from games, sports and other physical recreation, day camps, groups for pre-school children, forums, fencing, recreational therapy, club groups and cultural activities including music, dance, drama, puppetry and arts and crafts.

Under the sponsorship of the Juvenile Aid Bureau of the Police Department, the part of the WPA recreation program which conducts play streets and P.A.L. play centers, completed its fifth year of operation on June 30. Cumulative attendance for the semi-annual period was 4,814,917 of which 3,326,423 were children and 1,487,714 were adults.

Many tournaments featured these six months. In the city-wide basketball tournament, 330 teams of boys and 24 of girls contested for the title.

15 BOXING SHOWS

Fifteen boxing shows were staged during the months between January and June with 181 bouts and 512 entries in city-wide contests, while thousands of other young boxers competed for the honor of representing their own centers in the big events.

The final bout for the championships in different weights was held in March before a crowd of more than 5,000 people. There were 4,142 entries in the ping-pong tournaments and roller skating contests were held by 149 teams.

Two new large indoor centers fully equipped for recreational activity were opened during the winter by the Police Athletic League and staffed by this project.

Day camping locations are increasing among the P.A.L. centers and puppetry and fencing groups are growing in size and popularity. Music and drama groups for recreational activity have expanded greatly during the past six months.

The Community Centers, part of the recreation program, conduct widely varied recreational activities in public schools after school hours in the winter and spring and in the vacation playgrounds in the summer.

This work project, conducted in 26 locations, reported the largest cumulative attendance for the semi-annual period. The Board of Education sponsors this project and cooperates in its operation.

Among the interesting city-wide activities of the Community Centers was a chess tournament with 62 players from Manhattan, 84 from Brooklyn, 48 from Queens, 104 from the Bronx and 18 from Richmond. Other activities attracting public attention were the Stamp Exhibit arranged by the Bronx Centers and a city wide ping pong tournament and a tap dancing contest.

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WPA Brings Mardi Gras to the Lower East Side



Photo shows the "Parade of the Animals," daily feature on the Lower East Side during the week of the recent Federal Art Project Riverfront Art Show at 84 Market Place. Most of the masks were made by students in East Side Settlement houses.

Commercial Hauling on Tennessee River Begins

25,000 Bushels of Grain Taken in One Tow from St. Louis to Chattanooga; TVA Foresees Large Scale Navigation Soon

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 6.—The first large-scale long-distance shipment of grain on the Tennessee River neared Chattanooga this week with a 25,000-bushel barge-load of grain from St. Louis, Mo.

The shipment arrived Thursday at Chattanooga and is being unloaded by means of a derrick barge into railroad cars.

The towboat Kenton, a 150-hp. Diesel powered craft, left St. Louis with its tow of grain July 26. Capt. A. C. Ingerson, Jr., in charge of the tow, reported that though progress on the unimproved reach of the lower river was rather slow, his speed in the improved TVA channel picked up to an average of nearly six miles an hour.

The tow stopped at Guntersville, Ala., to take on the derrick barge needed for unloading the grain, at the end of its 62-mile journey.

The Mountain City Mills Co. is the first firm to make use of the newly developed channel of the Tennessee River for large-scale commercial transportation as far upstream as Chattanooga.

A number of firms have acquired their own terminal sites along the Chattanooga waterfront preparatory to later development and regular use of the river.

It is expected that the future will see many such shipments of grain, canned goods, petroleum products, pig iron, and other commodities.

Since the opening of navigation points along the Tennessee by the Tennessee Valley Authority, some 125,000 tons, or approximately 400,000 gallons, of gasoline have been transported by water into the Tennessee Valley to distributing points at Perryville, Tenn., and Sheffield, Decatur, and Guntersville, Ala.

Large shipments of pig iron, also, have been moving from the Birmingham area to Sheffield by rail for further shipment by water down the Tennessee.

The course will be conducted by the branches as model league activities. The instructors have been specially trained to lead the sessions with a maximum of efficiency and interest.

With the knowledge that they will gain, some two thousand Y.C.L.'ers will become active and alert guardians of the democratic process of city government. Good citizens all will be able to aid the progressive forces and to help insure the victory of Amer. Begun, Crosbie and Cacchione in November.

CCC Workers Help Find Infant Lost In Catskill Wild

LIVINGSTONVILLE, N. Y., Aug. 6 (UP)—Two-year old David Eilett, object of a 34-hour search in a rain-drenched Catskill wilderness, rested comfortably in his bed today, slightly bruised and scratched, but otherwise uninjured.

Naked and wearing only one shoe, the infant was found by CCC workers in a wooded ravine yesterday two miles from his farm home.

Despite torrential rains which obliterated tracks and impeded the search conducted by 240 CCC workers, state police and bloodhounds, the boy was apparently not suffering from exposure.

He greeted his rescuers with a smile, saying "I want to go home." He was taken to the nearby CCC infirmary and given food and first aid until the arrival of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elen Eilett.

Poland Will Lead In Next War, General Warns

WARSAW, Poland, Aug. 6 (UP)—Gen. Kazimierz Sojskowski, Inspector General of the Polish Army, said tonight that if Poland were forced to participate in a second-world war, "Poland would have to play one leading role."

"I am convinced that the most difficult period in the life of our nation is before us," Sojskowski said in a statement to the press agency, Iskra.

"If necessary, we will take the sword in hand and fight to give our country another 50 years of peaceful work."

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Curran Calls Meeting of CIO Marine Unions

Will Recommend Joint Action for Contract Renewals

Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union and Chairman of the CIO Maritime Committee, announced yesterday that he is calling a meeting of the committee for Monday, August 14, in Washington.

The purpose of the meeting, he said, was to lay a basis for joint action of the CIO marine unions in preparation for renewal of present contracts between the unions and the major steamship companies.

These contracts expire September 30.

Letters have gone out, Mr. Curran said, to the following organizations:

International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Association; American Communications Association; Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific; Federated Fishermen's Council; Marine Cooks and Stewards of the Pacific; Marine Firemen; Oilers; Watertenders and Wipers of the Pacific and Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

There will be eight organizations represented, including the NMU. Of those named above, all are West Coast Unions except the ACA and the MEBA, which are national, and the NMU which is an East Coast union.

Three marine unions are still in the American Federation of Labor. They are the International Longshoremen's Association (East Coast), the Sailors Union of the Pacific (West Coast), and the Masters, Mates and Pilots Association (national).

Almost all marine labor contracts expire September 30. Those in the tanker industry do not.

The Washington conference, expected to last two days, will be held in the United Mine Workers Building, Vermont Ave. and 15th Street.

John L. Lewis, CIO President, will sit on part of the discussion.

"In addition to laying the groundwork for action in relation to September 30," Curran said yesterday, "I have some very definite recommendations to make in regards to making the CIO Maritime Committee a functioning body to unite our activities on a national scale."

National unity of all marine unions, on an organized scale, received impetus, Curran said, through the elimination of a group of shipowner men from the National Maritime Union.

The only enemies of maritime unity now, he continued, are the operators and their stooges.

The CIO, Curran went on, hopes eventually to weld all the marine unions into a National Industrial Maritime Federation.

Baldwin to Face Jaffe Again Today

The state will bring pugil fury for racketeer Isadore Jaffe back to the stand today for the sixth day in its court battle to convict Alexander R. Baldwin, assistant to Brooklyn District Attorney William P. X. Geoghan, on bribery charges.

Herman L. Weissman is conducting the case for Special Prosecutor John Harlan Amen.

Baldwin is accused of accepting two bribes, totaling \$800 from Jaffe, after the latter had run afoul of the law in his racket activities.

Blacksmith Electrocuted

John Skibik, 22, of 372 Read Ave., Crestwood, was electrocuted early yesterday in the North White Plains blacksmith shop of the S. A. Healy Co. when he touched an electric grinder with one hand and rested the other on the metal frame of a window.

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The iron-hulled lightship which until last February had done duty at Cornfield Point, Conn., warning thousands of passing vessels of dangerous shoals, is berthed at the foot of Wall Street, New York, waiting a purchaser. With it goes a 5,000-pound anchor cast in 1830. The 350-ton ship is fifty-seven years old.

Cornell, Hayes Condemn AFL Dual Actors Union

Hit Move of Newly Chartered Stage-Hands Union to Invade Field of 4 A's, Parent Body in Profession; Sophie Tucker Warned

(Continued from Page 1)

Equity for sanctioning and affiliating with the dual union group.

Meanwhile, another noted stage and screen actress, Helen Hayes, yesterday addressed an open letter to Miss Tucker, couching in friendly language, but nonetheless sharp, condemning the blues singer for her actions. The letter read:

"Dear Sophie,

"Sometimes when children are naughty they have to be spanked. No parents like to do the spanking."

"The Associated Actors and Artists of America has not liked spanking you by suspending you from Equity, the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Radio Artists.

"The Four A's didn't like to have to do this but as the parent International of organized actors it had no other choice. You left no other choice. The Four A's either have to deliver 30,000 actors into the hands of the false leaders of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees or it had to punish you. The Four A's either had to be stern with you or betray 30,000 of its members."

"You must remember that when

the Four A's suspended the charter of the American Federation of Actors it did not criticize you, Sophie. It criticized the misuse of benefit monies, false statements, and political contracts with employers—all chargeable to Ralph Whitehead, executive secretary.

"You Sophie—from being held responsible were offered the opportunity to come in to the American Guild of Variety Artists, chartered to give vaudeville, night club and circus entertainers a clean deal through democratic representation.

"Up until that time, the Four A's, your indulgent parent, assumed that you had been misled by Whitehead, imposed upon. Since that time you have attempted to defend Whitehead, which implies your approval of his acts.

"We hope that isn't true. We hope that when you realize the force of the facts, you'll come back where you belong. We hope your punishment is not long continued. We dislike the necessity of preventing you from working. But we cannot permit you to throw the industry into a situation which might prevent a half million people from working.

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Kentucky in Primary On New Deal Issue

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 6.

With the New Deal issue in the Democratic primaries here today, the nation's first "off-year" elections was marked by a tremendous turnout of voters in all sections of the State.

Exact figures on the voting, it was said, would not be available until Monday, when the counting has been completed.

New Dealers, including labor and progressive forces have been immensely active during the past few weeks in a campaign to defeat the Garner candidate, Keen Johnson and secure the nomination of John

Young Brown, attorney for the United Mine Workers in Kentucky and former U. S. Congressman with a fine labor record.

Brown, who has the endorsement of U. S. Senator Alben W. Barkley, has received the enthusiastic backing of all labor and progressive groups in Kentucky, despite the fact that the AFL executive committee again betrayed the interests of their membership by endorsing Johnson—the anti-union newspaper publisher who shares the infamous reputation of Governor A. B. Chandler and his backing.

This election, which is expected to indicate Kentucky's alignments in the 1940 presidential campaign, has many "side issues," all of which stem from the major issue of the New Deal versus Garnerism.

Appointment of Senora Maria Sola de Sollares as general director of the seven children's colonies sponsored by the Foster Parents' Plan for Spanish Children, in and around Biarritz, France, was announced yesterday by Eric G. Muggeridge, executive secretary of the organization, 55 West 42nd Street.

Senora Sola de Sollares is a member of the Theosophical Society and the New Education Fellowship. She is 37 years old and is the mother of two children, a boy of ten and a girl of eight. Her husband is a former professor of Mercantile at the University of

Bilbao, Spain. She was the leader of the movement to allow women to hold posts in the government civil service.

When the Republic was proclaimed in 1931, Senora Sola de Sollares founded the First International Residence of Young Students in Barcelona. This organization sought to train the youth of Spain for democracy.

The outbreak of the civil war in Spain forced the end of the activity of the organization but Senora Sola de Sollares organized the Asistencia Infantil de Cataluna, to care for children whose parents had been killed or who had been sent to the military front.

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For the past twenty years Senora Sola de Sollares has been working for women's rights in Spain. She was the leader of the movement to allow women to hold posts in the government civil service.

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"To discharge these people now would work great hardship. I have instructed the Budget Director to halt all new appointments.

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Freedom



Mrs. Margaret Thompson inspecting a camera for making pictures of the heavens, at the first national exhibit of the Amateur Astronomers Association in New York's Museum of Natural History. Stanley Brower of Plainfield, N. J., is maker of the camera.

USSR Observes Hassan Victory Anniversary

Red Army Units Vie for Honor of Operating 'Hero' Tank

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Aug. 6.—The entire Soviet people joined in with the First Separate Red Banner Army in preparation for the celebrations of the first anniversary of the defeat of the Japanese at Lake Hassan (Changkufeng) a year ago, when Red Army troops took Zaozernaya (Changkufeng) hill and routed the invaders from Soviet soil.

During contests to find the best company, battery and squadrons in the First Separate Red Banner Army, the heroes who fought at Hassan showed that they had mastered to perfection the skills necessary to give the enemy another stiff thrashing the next time he sticks his snout over the Soviet frontier.

One unit held a contest between tank crews for eight men to operate the tank now known by the name, "Hero of the Soviet Union." This tank was driven into the Battle at Zaozernaya Hill a year ago by Lieut. Vinokurov and Operator-Mechanic Rassokh, both of whom showed remarkable bravery. Rassokh was killed in battle.

Now the tank is once again ready for battle, having undergone repairs.

Today the right to operate this tank will be given to the best tank crew unit of the First Army.

In connection with the anniversary, the soldier, officers and political officers of the army issued a manifesto to the entire Soviet people.

"The First Red Banner Army is a true sentinel on the socialist frontier of the Maritime Province. It is prepared to fulfill any military task set by Comrade Stalin, the Party and the Soviet Government, and to destroy the enemies on their own territory," said the manifesto.

"When celebrating the first anniversary of the Hassan victory, the army vows to the entire people to work with new energy."

"We call upon the great, mighty and invincible Soviet people—the men and women workers of the factories, plants and mines; men and women collective farmers on the socialist fields; workers of science and art—in these days of international tension to mobilize all their forces, their creative powers, for the fulfillment of the tasks of the Third Stalinist Five-Year Plan ahead of schedule, to the city service, rather than at the beginning of the fiscal year as has been contended by the city.

"The law very clearly provided," the Mayor said, "that the increase should take place in each budget. Instead of that, the courts, in the spirit of being good fellows with other people's money, disregarding the entire disrupting of the city's service, carried out a club-house decision and granted the increase to the employee in city service. The bookkeeping of this alone involves great expense, in addition to what the law intended.

"It can be understood that with the courts constantly increasing their own budgets, in order to detract from their shameless action, they keep on giving decisions to other employees, distorting the law and breaking the city budget.

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Executioner Gains; Foils 300 After His Job

Robert Elliott, Sing Sing executioner, yesterday passed the crisis in his illness. He will be able to perform his duties in the death chamber at the next electrocution on Aug. 24. Applications for his job, however, continue to pour in, prison authorities said yesterday.

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Petitions Win Cacchione Voters

Cacchione Has Spoken at 50 Meetings and Four Broadcasts; Goal Is 25,000 Signatures on Petitions by August 25th

By Beth McHenry

Eight young Italian fellows came up to Peter V. Cacchione's campaign headquarters at 131 Montague St. in Brooklyn one day last week and said, "Put us to work. We want to see you elected to City Council."

When the Communist candidate asked them if they were Party members, the spokesman said "no" for all of them.

"We just heard you broadcast and it sounded O. K. We figure it's up to us to support a brother Italian with the right idea. But we don't know anything about your Party—you'll have to tell us that."

You can bet Pete Cacchione told them. Kings County Communist Party, of which he is the chairman, heads the list in the summer's recruiting in the five counties of New York.

Carl Vetro, election campaign manager for Kings County, said you have to work side by side with Pete Cacchione before you realize he is a "dynamo" the councilmanic candidate is.

"The petition campaign has been on for less than a month and already he has spoken at some 50 meetings—all sorts of meet-



PETER CACCHIONE

ings, small business men's groups, parents' organizations, fraternal and language groups."

Cacchione, he said, has made four radio broadcasts during the past couple of weeks and will speak again next Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 9:45 over Station WINS.

Vetro displayed samples of the campaign material—an abundance of literature . . . leaflets, folders, pamphlets. Over a million copies have been distributed during the past month.

WHITE JERSEY

Around Brooklyn now you'll see lads wearing white jerseys with red lettering: "Peter V. Cacchione for Councilman 1939, Kings County."

Two ball teams are carrying his name, too. A Young Communist League baseball team and a Communist Party team have not yet been beaten in local tournaments.

Fifteen hundred Party members are on the job day and night, getting petitions signed for Pete Cacchione. Only 2,000 signatures are needed, but the County's perspective is 25,000 by August 25th.

"You see," Vetro explained. "The folks who sign the petitions will also vote for Cacchione for Council, if they learn all the reasons why they should. More than that—they're also potential Party members and we want this campaign to do them a double favor: to give them the best councilman they can get and to introduce them to the Party that works in their interest day and night."

Carl Vetro and the other campaign assistants in the councilmanic election contest are mighty optimistic about putting Pete Cacchione on the council.

"Thousands upon thousands of people all over the country know Cacchione personally now and swear by him," the campaign manager said. "They know how hard he works and how honest he is and how splendid the Party platform is."

"Don't forget that in the first campaign Pete lost only by 350 votes. That was two years ago. Now he is far better known and our campaign is already far ahead of the previous one. We're going to put him in this time!"

The real campaign schedule, Vetro revealed, will begin after Labor Day. Then the million eligible voters of Brooklyn will really hear about a man named Cacchione—whose record is the vivid story of an Italian-American from Syracuse who took the word Democracy seriously at a very early age and has never ceased fighting for it, and for his people, ever since.

Navy Resumes Efforts To Raise Sunken Sub

PORTRUSH, N. H. Aug. 6 (UPI)—Salvage workers expected to loop heavy chains to the bow of the sunken submarine "Squalus" today—preparatory to a new attempt to lift the submersible and its 26 dead.

Weather permitting, the first of the lifting pontoons, which were damaged in the initial try July 13, will be taken to the scene Sunday.

World's Fair at Night



Night transforms the New York World's Fair into a wonderland of soft lights and pleasing colors over which the tall spire of the Trylon acts as a beacon. To the right of the Trylon is the 200-foot Perisphere, located at the heart of the giant exposition. In the right foreground is the Lagoon of Nations, which, shortly after deep night falls, transforms itself into a majestic symphony of water, light, flame and music. Leaping from the Lagoon to the Perisphere is Constitution Mall which, thrilling by day, takes on an added grandeur at night. The Belgium Building, in the left foreground, is backed in the picture by the pointed dome of the Heins Exhibit.

TRIBUTE PAID TO NEGRO COMPOSER

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—A score of organizations, representing many tens of thousands Negro and white members, united last week at the initiative of the National Negro Congress, in a moving ceremony in tribute to James A. Bland, noted Negro composer of Philadelphia, at his unmarked grave in Merion Cemetery.

Bland is the author of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," "O'Dem Golden Slippers," "In the Evening by the Moonlight," and many other immortal American folk songs.

Among those who participated in the program were W. C. Handy, author of "St. Louis Blues," told of his friendship with Bland, at Louisville, Kentucky in 1897 and of the struggles they both had to win recognition. He spoke of his music and his aim to express the life and struggles of the Negro people whom he knew.

Sam Adams Darcy, State Secretary of the Communist Party for Eastern Pennsylvania, said that the culture and great talent displayed by Bland contributed to uniting the peoples of all races in fraternal brotherhood and in overcoming the hatred based on prejudice spread by reactionaries who are so harmful disturbing the world today. He declared that the people must ever be grateful for the great contributions of Negro-Americans who have given so much to science, music, poetry, and literature, to our national culture.

IWO Gets License To Function in 2 More States

The International Workers Order recently received licenses to operate in the states of Washington and Louisiana.

Joseph Brodsky, counsel for the I.W.O., stated that after a thorough investigation by Commissioner Sullivan of the state of Washington as to the Order's financial soundness and methods of conducting business, the Commissioner concluded that the I.W.O. had fulfilled the demands required by the state of Washington of fraternal service organizations with a ritualistic form of work and was therefore admitted under the insurance laws of that state.

The state of Louisiana also granted a license to the I.W.O. to organize lodges within that state.



It's a Hat



No, this isn't a flapjack. It's one of the latest fall toppers to make its way across the Atlantic straight from Paris. The black felt doughnut has a feather twig and garter for decor.

IT IS the woman who knows how to tell quality in foods who gets the best bargains, for she gets more food value for each dollar she spends. And by knowing quality, she is quite able to label a bargain as a bargain. Many of us are inclined to buy chiefly on looks. Undoubtedly, we should go much further if we are sincere in our efforts to be intelligent shoppers.

What does quality consist of? In foods, of course, the answer is clear. A quality food is one which is desirable to use. The characteristics which make foods desirable are—appearance, table excellence, and

Tie a Can to this Superstition

It's an old-fashioned superstition that open cans spoil food left standing in them.

Scientists say that harmful changes in the food cannot result merely from leaving food in the can after opening.

Of course, you have to be as careful of food in an open can just as you are of food in any other dish or container. Any food left standing at ordinary room temperature—whether it be in a can or dish—sooner or later will turn bad. For safety, all exposed food should be kept carefully in the cold.

Many cans used commercially are made of thin steel sheets plated with tin. Experiments demonstrate that any amount of tin which might be found in food from a tin container would not be injurious to health.

For variety you may select from the Texas white beans, the Orange County small yellows, as well as their red variety; and then we have that intriguing Spanish onion from the State of Washington. And in not all, but many of your stores, you should find the sweet-tasting red, Italian onion.

SQUASH A GOOD BUY

The luscious and pleasant flavor of squash which can be prepared with so little trouble into a very delightful dish, can be bought at extremely low prices. If you consider for a moment on how you prepare Summer squash, then you are brought to realize that you must buy tender-skinned ones, as usually we stew or steam them with skin and all, so the skin must be tender and of a fine quality, having soft and edible seeds. You will be well satisfied when making your selection from the yellow crook-

neck, the white scalloped, or the long, green Italian variety.

The popularity of carrots has increased by leaps and bounds in these last few years, since we have learned to Julienne them—that is cutting them in thin, long strips, and putting them in the refrigerator to serve as crisp, crunchy orange sticks. Carrots are one of the best vegetables, being rich in vitamin A, and a good source of B and G. For these reasons we should make a plentiful use of carrots, especially as their color adds brightness and cheer to any dish, whether cold or hot, and their price is attractively low. Of course you know the best way to prepare carrots is to scrub them thoroughly with a brush under water. In this way you remove the dirt and leave all the good-tasting qualities right where

they should be.

We have rather neglected telling you that the royal purple, handsome vegetable—eggplant—is particularly cheap. Once you get used to serving eggplant, its luscious texture and delicate flavor will attract you to it again and again.

It is a tasty addition to any vegetable casserole. Served independently, either broiled or baked, it is also very good. In many homes eggplant is fried. When buying, look for a dark, glossy purple color; then look for heaviness of weight in relation to size, and for firmness of flesh. Eggplants which are greenish or slate-colored are poor in quality, as are soft, shriveled ones. So buy yours firm, heavy and of a deep, rich color.

Now for a brief listing of inexpensive fruits and vegetables on the market.

Cantaloupes continue in heavy supply and are real bargains in quality and in price. Calimyrna and Black mission figs, Northwestern cherries, California and Upstate pears, plums, grapes and nectarines are your fruit offerings. In vegetables we have peppers, snap beans, celery, corn, cucumbers, lima beans, peas, tomatoes and spinach, besides the various lettuce greens.

In the wholesale fresh fish market, cod and shrimp are lower and good values. Other good buys are porgies, weakfish, whiting, sea bass and pollock.

DON'T THROW IT AWAY

BREAD: Quickly dip a stale loaf in cold water, crisp in oven and it will be better than when fresh.

PANCAKES: Reheat when left over from breakfast, cut into ribbons and put into soup just before serving—better than noodles.

SCRAPS OF CHEESE: Grate and store in jar. Use with spaghetti; sprinkle over dishes for baking; mix with bread crumbs for frying.

WPA Hatchet-Men Leave Trail Of Suicides in Harlem

Hospital Worker Gets Pink Slip, Drops Dead Next Minute

By Angelo Herndon

Clifton A. Woodrum and the whole clique of Tory hatchet-men, known otherwise as United States Congressmen—not to leave out the "labor-hating, evil old man" on Capitol Hill—have never heard the story of how people live in Harlem.

Perhaps they never will. But the man on the streets as well as the employed and the recently discharged WPA worker, all have a story to tell about the savage attack on WPA.

The WPA worker is haunted by a wave of suicides and other unnatural deaths caused by the drive against WPA. Those who still have jobs are in constant fear of losing them. And to avoid the perilous swing of the Woodrum axe, many have attempted to end their fears and sufferings by committing suicide before it comes.

On Wednesday, July 26, John Richardson, a WPA laborer, residing at 2 West 132nd St., decided that he could no longer withstand the misery and agony of waiting for a pink slip. The suspense must have been more painful than death. With a wife to take care of, and fear of getting a pink slip, he decided to end it all.

WORKER DROPS DEAD

While his wife was away, he locked himself in his one room apartment, turned on the gas and died.

Joseph Calloway, another WPA worker at Harlem Hospital, came to work on Thursday, July 27th. With the possible exception of a weak heart and worry over his wife who died a year ago, he was in the best of spirits. He was all ready to get down to work when he was handed a pink slip. He stood in shocked silence for a few moments, and then collapsed—dead!

Worried and despondent over living conditions and ill health, Mrs. Maude Covington, of 211 West 149 St., died last Saturday by hanging.

ing herself to a pipe in the bath room, it was her second attempt.

Several weeks ago, Miss Frances Mills of 140 West 116 Street, unemployed domestic worker, was placed under observation at Bellevue Hospital after she had attempted a crowd of 5,000 in her fifth attempt to commit suicide.

THE AXE SWINGS

And so, the story of the life of the average person in Harlem is one of fear and incessant worry over the future. It is a dreaded fear—a fear that the brandishing of the Woodrum axe, which has already wrought death upon many, will slowly but definitely add more innocent victims to it still undetermined list.

The remarkable degree of success of the hatchet-men in their wild and extravagant spree with human lives, is appalling to everyone. Most people feel that somehow all will be affected by it.

The whole thing is a nightmare of horror. And it takes only a casual remark to get the same reaction from nine out of ten persons on the streets of Harlem. A typical story of Harlem life can perhaps be seen in the following little episode. A man walked into a grocery store on Lenox Avenue to do his shopping. It appeared that on the way he had bought several small pots of flowers. Apparently, he did not remember to count his change before ordering various items of food.

"Gee," he said, with a surprised look on his face. "I sure thought I had more money than that." Embarrassed, he whispered to the proprietor of the store.

"I always buy here, and if you trust me with the food, I'll pay you when I get the money."

The argument that followed would have scorched even the deaf ears of the wrecking crew of hatchet-men in Washington.

SMALL BUSINESS HIT

The proprietor let loose a tirade against Congress for bungling up the WPA which ruined his business beyond any hope of immediate recovery. He told the bewildered man that he had just lost hundreds of dollars through credits advanced to WPA workers—many of whom are

now unhappy possessors of pink slips.

It is reported that hundreds of small businesses in Harlem, catering to WPA workers, have lost over fifty per cent of their business since the passage of the Woodrum Bill. Quite a few of them have been left holding the bag because of debts incurred by WPA workers. Many of them will soon be forced out of business altogether.

The proprietor, bitterly, and in a voice of finality, said to the now voice of despair:

"Pink slips! No money! I cannot put them in the cash register. Sorry, mister, but I can't let you have the food."

Lowest City Infant Death Rate Reported

The lowest infant mortality rate ever to be recorded in New York City for a similar period was reported for the past four weeks by Health Commissioner John L. Rice.

The infant mortality rate for the past four weeks was 27.8 as compared to the previous lowest four week rate of 28.9, which occurred June 16-July 16, 1938," the report stated.

One death from diphtheria was reported in Manhattan last week, the first since the week ending June 3, the Health Department announced, comparing the 16 deaths from that disease during the first 39 weeks of 1939 with 20 deaths for the same period in 1938 and 44 in 1937.

There were 1,246 deaths last week, and 2,032 births.

What Kind of Insurance?

Will It Protect You--

Can You Afford It--

THE most curious thing about the players on the radio who extol the wonders of insurance and so-called insurance experts is that there is something lamentably wrong with the rosy picture they paint.

Of course, there are many benefits from insurance if—and according to facts that's rather a tall if—if the insurance policy can be maintained. But researchers have proven that when protection is most needed, policy holders are forced to permit their policies to lapse, and the dependents are left unprotected. This is proven by a survey made by FORTUNE magazine and published in their May, 1931, issue. According to that survey, "Nine out of every ten policies taken out are lapsed or surrendered before they accomplish their original purpose." Don't permit yourself to be over sold on insurance.

The I. W. O. offers you the kind of organization you can afford in an organization you can call your own.

The I. W. O. sells both the step and level rate types of insurance.

The International Workers Order paid out during the year of 1938, in insurance claims, \$275,883.33.

For the same year it paid out in sick benefit claims, \$387,418.70.

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The Right to Vote Movement Spreads in the South

More and more the Negro people in the South are indicating their determination to exercise their right to vote. This is one of the most encouraging signs for the extension of democracy, not only in the South, but for the entire country.

The movement is moving, of course, against great odds and side by side with it is arising a real fight to break down the reactionary poll tax which disfranchises millions of poor whites in the South as well.

Just recently, the Negro people in Greenville, South Carolina, defied Ku Klux Klan terror to register for the municipal election. This follows the historic vote of the Negro people in Miami, Florida, early this year and the splendid fight being now put up for the right of the Negro people to vote down in Birmingham, Alabama. In each case, the anti-New Deal forces are using the Ku Klux Klan as storm-troopers to smash this progressive movement. This is in furtherance of the bargain struck by the Garnercrats and the Northern Tory Republicans, the latter crowning their repeated betrayals of the Negro people.

It is also true in every case that the backbone of this right-to-vote movement is the alliance of the Negro people with the labor and progressive forces developing in the South.

The struggle to enforce the 15th Amendment as with the whole battle for Negro rights, is the responsibility of all who wish to safeguard constitutional liberties. The right-to-vote movement in the South bears the sympathetic attention and support of Americans throughout the country.

A Right of Way from The 'Isolationists'

Japan's new outburst of terror and brutality against Americans in China, particularly around Kaifeng, follows logically the shameless work of the "isolationists" in Congress.

This clique, led by the pro-fascist Republican Ham Fish, practically gave the go-ahead signal to the Japanese militarists by scrapping the Bloom bill. This measure would have revised America's un-natural "neutrality" law through which we now aid the war-making fascist aggressors, even though the fascist alliance is bent upon the destruction of American democracy and safety. And now that Congress is adjourned, the Japanese marauders feel that they have a free hand for a while.

Nothing proves the truth of Senator Claude Pepper's statement that the Tories endangered "the welfare and safety of the American people" more than what the Republicans and Garnercrats did in the last session to block President Roosevelt's peace policy.

That is all the more reason why the fight to revise our war-aiding "neutrality" act must go on unabated—indeed, it should rise to new heights. The great political, economic, and moral strength of the nation should be used now on the side of world peace, if our national security is to be preserved.

It is a crime upon crime that such a large percentage of the war materials which the Japanese fascists are using to menace America's safety is being furnished by this country. Only the placing of an embargo on war goods to Japan can end this disgraceful situation.

Nazis in the Americas

Those who have supported the position of the isolationists are given information to ponder seriously in the dispatches from Costa Rica in Latin America and from the Argentine.

From an Inter-Continent News report comes word that the electric railroad to the Punta Arenas port from San Jose is in the hands of the Nazi electrical firm, the A. E. G. All of the coffee plantations in the province of Heredias are controlled by Herbert Knob, the Nazi head man in Costa Rica.

A Nazi engineer named Effinger is in charge of the airport being constructed at the La Sabana, near San Jose. Dominated by Fascists, this air base constitutes a direct threat to the Panama Canal and so to our national security.

It appears that at the present moment no thorough investigation will be made into the extent and nature of Nazi activities in Patagonia. The agents of Hitler are strong in the Argentine police force. Other elements high in the government are seeking to prevent an inquiry into the Fascist spy activities and to create a committee comparable to the Dies Committee, which will cloak Nazi intrigue and develop a witch hunt against all progressive elements.

The campaign of the isolationists has been a boon to the Fascist spy ring. (People's World, July 3, 1939).

Let's Have a Popular Pamphlet On the Communist Party

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a member of the Communist Party, I wish to express my appreciation of your editorial on July 31 on "Let's Be the Hammer, Not the Anvil." This editorial certainly hits the nail on the head.

However, in order to make it easier for our comrades to break down all the red-baiting now going on and to build the Party, I think that a popular pamphlet be published for mass distribution on "Who are the Communists." The aim of this pamphlet should be to counteract all the red-baiting and to appeal to the people to join our ranks.

The pamphlet should be written in the style Ruth McKenney once wrote on this subject for the New Masses. It should point out the progressive role of the Party by concrete examples of individual, branch and general Party accomplishments on specific community issues in various representative parts of the country as well as on general issues. Trade union unity, WPA, war, anti-Semitism, the Negro question, etc.

A pamphlet like this could be made very appealing by using sufficiently large type and by proper illustrations with pictures and drawing. A printing of several hundred thousand copies may enable us to sell for a nickel apiece.

I. GLASS.

Protest Curtailment of Adult Education Classes

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We, the students and the residents of the community adjacent to P. S. 225, located at 1075 Ocean View Avenue, wish to voice our protest through the medium of your paper, against the curtailment of the Adult Education classes of the WPA and the Board of Education of New York City.

For the past several years we have taken advantage of the opportunities open to us through the medium of these classes in cultural, commercial, art and kindred subjects.

The youth of our great city will be forced out of the sidewalk and street corners once more. The advantages gained during the last few years will soon be lost. The many underprivileged who found the classes the only means of enjoying the arts will feel the loss sorely.

The many teachers and instructors who found a meager livelihood in the field to which their education and past experience entitles them will be thrown out of work, and in a very short time will lose their morale and important standing in the community.

The gentlemen in Washington who were instrumental in bringing about this chaos will very soon change their feeble minds if they could but see the efforts of the eighteen months clause in the Woodrum Bill.

In conclusion may we state that we, the students of the WPA signed a contract when we registered for a six weeks course with the Board of Education. We feel that we are entitled to retain our classes and teachers.

Yours truly,
THE STUDENTS OF THE W.P.A. ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM OF P. S. 225.

Youth Clubs in East Harlem Getting On the Job

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Modern Times Y.C.L. Branch which is located in East Harlem, sent the following telegram to Washington, D. C., after a branch discussion on the WPA situation today. We feel it is important because, for almost the first time, a youth club in our community is beginning to take action on political issues.

Senator Robert F. Wagner:

"Youth of East Harlem support your fight for President Roosevelt's spending program. All amendments sniping at the highway construction bill which provide needed jobs, must be defeated. We urge your continued support."

Representative Rayburn:

"We wholeheartedly support your efforts in aiding the New Deal cause."

"The Tories' attempts to bring President Roosevelt's recovery program to defeat, must be stopped before Congress adjourns."

"Restore the full WPA appropriations, pass the lending program and defeat the Barden amendments."

At this meeting a committee was sent up to visit the clubs in the neighborhood to find out how the cut in the WPA Teachers has affected them. Also to work out further plans for community action.

MODERN TIMES CLUB, Y.C.L.

Plight of Missouri Sharecroppers

Harvil, Mo.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I suppose you still have in mind the plight of the Missouri sharecroppers on Highway 60 and 61 last January.

Since the demonstration the croppers have been on the move. The Highway Patrol took them off the highway and stuck them in old churches, houses, on river levees and any place they could drop them. All local relief was denied them and the planters would not give them any kind of work.

A group of five people that live in St. Louis, Mo., got together and gave the croppers enough money to buy a 50-acre tract of land located in Butler County, Mo. This land was bought so as the croppers could make a camp so the planters and police would leave them alone.

But it seems that the planters are still after our families. We are also refused any kind of relief or medical aid or county cooperation.

I wonder if they want these people to starve. These people are Americans and they are not homeless of any fault of their own.

WILLIAM R. FISCHER,
President, Missouri Agricultural Workers' Council.

Let Us Support a Good Cause

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A few words to our comrades and friends who have not yet seen the Chinese-American theater production, "China Marches On."

Here we see a group of enthusiastic, hard-working, young amateur players, donating their days and nights (for the past 10 months) to a benefit performance held regularly for Chinese relief.

G. T. Chiang, head of the group, is a hard worker and a plunger. But, man is not a machine, and Mr. Chiang and his crew of five or six deserve a vacation.

We all know that if a good cause ever needed support—the cause of China, as of Spain, Ethiopia, etc., etc.

I urge all to see this play. Ten cents. Irving Plaza.

B. SAUNDERS.

Coughlin Demagogery

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The demagogue of Royal Oak howls again. This time, it seems, he is lamenting the fact that he cannot destroy democracy the Franco way.

He is "denied the liberty" of following in the footsteps of his adored idol. "Peace" and "keeping out of war" in one breath mingled with threats of blood and fire the Franco way is a mixer something like whiskey and gasoline.

RUTH T.

by Gropper



World Front

By HARRY GANNES

How Will the "Lull" Over Danzig End? Outstanding Issues Of the Imminent War Crisis

The deceiving "lull" over Danzig is rapidly ending to the tune of tramping feet of more than 2,000,000 Nazi troops.

Of that, there is no doubt. But rather on all hands we see an ominous unanimity that the world is again in for a fascist-engineered crisis.

Unanswered, however, are these questions:

Will the fascist war-inciters use this occasion to plunge the whole world into war?

With Parliament adjourned, is the Chamberlain crowd utilizing the present tension to attempt another Munich, precipitating in the process a world slaughter?

Or, will this most pernicious crisis since the outbreak of the first imperialist war be met by a firm peace front, and an unequivocal determination of Poland to resist?

Mr. Chamberlain has succeeded in so arranging the situation that the Nazis have not been confronted at the outset with a peace front. And this at a time when every diplomat in the world knows that another war crisis is about to break. Therefore the immediacy of the war danger cannot be exaggerated.

In this regard, the capitalist press here, circulating chiefly inspired propaganda and manufactured rumors of the chancelleries of the Munichmen as well as of the fascist dictators themselves, criminally confuses the situation.

In the first place, the American readers are told that Hitler and Mussolini are using war mobilization as a continuation of "propaganda" and as a means primarily of pressure without envisaging the final step.

And in the next place, misleading reports are printed about Hitler's hesitant anxiety and Mussolini's concern over the difficult inner situation of the Axis.

Until what point will the reactionary press tell us, is it safe for the fascist war instigators to continue hurling dynamite into the powder heap of the present situation?

Hitler, himself the product of the most reactionary and degenerate finance capital, is now setting into motion forces which he cannot command and whose consequences his backers cannot foresee.

Especially some "observers" in fascist Italy misread the signs of the times there. They mistake the efforts of the Italian fascist press to conceal from the people the criticalness of these days as putting a damper on the war danger itself. Nothing could be further from the mark.

Through Mussolini may be shaking in his boots with nervous fright over the explosiveness of the situation, he is trying to keep the real implications of his war alliance with Hitler away from the Italian people. It is Mussolini's aim, from every appearance, to acquaint the Italian people with the worst when there can be no turning back and when millions of Italians are on the march or in the trenches.

The "miracle" that the Munichmen and their fascist friends are hoping for is the capitulation of Poland to the Nazis. Together with this fervent prayer of those following Chamberlain and Bonnet is the expectation that Hitler will find an alternative somewhere in the Balkans.

For these reasons the Cracow address of the outstanding Polish military leader, Marshal Edward Smigly-Ridz on Sunday was of the highest significance.

Nor did the Marshal squelch all misgivings. As a matter of fact, his audience of 100,000 were far more expressive, enthusiastic and eloquent in their demonstration than Smigly-Ridz was in his address.

He spoke of defending the integrity of the Polish state. But at the same time he placed heavy reliance on his friends Mr. Chamberlain and Bonnet.

In the midst of the rising din of European crisis, news coming from the Far East serves to add new elements of danger to the world situation.

A cabinet crisis is manifesting itself in Tokio with the Nippon supporters of joining the Rome-Berlin Axis war alliance in the ascendancy and pressing their advantage over their opponents in the Tokio government.

Yet in every source of information from the four quarters of the earth reporting the rapidly moving war crisis admissions pile up of the might and strategic position of the Soviet Union's peace policy.

You read about the ability of the Soviet Union to stop war supplies from Sweden to Nazi Germany in the event of world war, of the U.S.S.R.'s firm peace stand and gigantic military might stretching from the border of puppet Manchukuo to the Baltic and below. And in it all you grasp an unwilling but inescapable acknowledgement that if there is to be peace it can be achieved only by collaboration with the U.S.S.R. and in accord with the Soviet Union's brilliant policies and proposals to halt fascist aggression.

Expose Japan Smuggling

OSLO (ICN)—Japan's methods of getting around the boycott of Japanese goods in Norway have just been exposed by the Control Bureau of the Norwegian Industrial Federation.

Suspicion was first aroused by the appearance of advertisements in the Norwegian press for telescopes priced at two crowns each (about 10 cents). Orders for this publicity came from the Paris firm, Rexor. When purchasers attempted to buy these "first-class telescopes" they were met with the reply that they were "sold out." Instead the new model "Opera Superlux," costing five crowns, were sent even though the inquiries were not accompanied by orders. Bills sent later charged nine crowns, and not the price first intimated.

Asked to examine these telescopes, an optical laboratory made the following report: "The telescope is a Japanese product and is without any doubt the worst we have ever seen. It is made of tin and plate glass. Mechanically and optically its value is nil."

In the interests of purchasers, as well as of Norway's optical trade, the authorities have been asked to prevent this fraudulent dumping, for it is not the first time that Japanese firms have smuggled their goods into the country under cover of French and British trading names.

For India's Independence



A scene at the last convention of the National Congress Party of India. The party later elected a majority in six provinces.

Change the World



Let Them Eat Budget,
Howls Wall Street's
Congress of Treason

By MIKE GOLD

ALL that beating of jungle drums, all those shrieks of bloodthirsty joy heard in America today, must not alarm you. The Indians have not arisen from their graves like ghosts at Verdun to re-capture the country. It is only the Wall Street press and the Wall Street Congress; it is only the Fat Boys celebrating the scalps they have taken.

The Indians have often been reproached by pious schoolmarms for having tortured their prisoners; but the Indians were gentle souls compared to a "civilized" Hitler, to our own savage breed of Wall Street baby-starvers.

What in the world is there to be jubilant about in the fact that millions of unemployed are to have the last desperate piece of bread snatched from their mouths? What decent person but must shudder to think of what may now happen to 12 million of his jobless fellow-Americans?

And what man or woman can be happy over the fact that no more help may be forthcoming for thousands of farmers whose homes are threatened with destruction by these packs of hungry wolves known as bankers?

What truly civilized person believes it is a cause for celebration that the Housing Bill was defeated, America's first attempt to wipe out the expensive shame and ugliness of the American slum?

The Fat Boys are drunk with self-congratulation over what they believe to have been an easy massacre of most of the progressive and humanitarian measures initiated by Roosevelt's New Deal. But let them beat the drums and display the bloody scalps; maybe it is one of the last times they will be able to enjoy the illusion of victory over the American people.

To me, it seems like the most hollow of triumphs. These Tories have made only a palace revolution. A coalition of money-bag Republicans and money-bag Democrats have captured the governmental machine, for the moment.

But the United States is still a democracy. The palace revolution has yet to be voted on by the people. And Roosevelt is still there, and thousands of New Deal leaders who will fight to the last ditch.

THIS palace revolution was made by a peculiarly undemocratic trick. It became successful only by winning over a large group of Democratic Congressmen who had been elected on Roosevelt's coattails. They were sent by the people of their districts to fight for the New Deal. But they betrayed their people. And now, when Congress adjourns, the traitors will have to go home and face the people they have betrayed.

History will call this Congress of Treason—not treason to Roosevelt, but treason to the American people. And as George Meany, head of over a million A. F. of L. workers in New York State, said the other day: "When these Congressmen get back to their districts, they will discover again that for every millionaire voter, there are nine ordinary working people with low incomes to pass judgment upon them."

Yes, it was a marvelous trick, but it has not solved the economic crisis. If these Tories could bring back prosperity by their trick, they might be able to win the next Presidential election. But they have only deepened the crisis; they have sabotaged, not Roosevelt, but the security of their own capitalist system.

It was the hunger and chaos brought on by the uncontrolled operations of Wall Street under Hoover that caused the first big crisis. The American people reacted to this crisis by electing the first Democratic President in almost twenty years.

Now Wall Street is deliberately bringing on another crisis. How can they dream it is going to help their side in the coming elections anymore than it did in 1936?

Wealth is cruel. But wealth is also stupid. The strategy of a really clever band of traitors would have been to wait until after the elections to show their reactionary hand. There are many Republicans who believed that their party should have put on a liberal face for a time, in order to win votes from Roosevelt. But they have been howled down and defeated by the crude knock-em-down and drag-em-out Wall Street mob. These savages have such a supreme contempt for the people that they always make these mistakes, and hence are vastly surprised whenever the people suddenly step on them.

"The people have no jobs or bread; to hell with them, let them eat budget!" the Wall Street mob are singing at their victory dance. But they are a little premature. This is not the right slogan with which to go into an American election. They have missed the cue. Let them rejoice over their palace revolution; but to quote a stale, bejaded, abused yet never-dying phrase, "the voice of the people has yet to be heard." Ask Hoover; he heard it only once, and it ruined his disposition for life.

On the Radio

SHORTWAVE BAND
RADIO CENTER, Moscow, 4 A.M. 15.175
Megacycles, 8 P.M. 9,600, 15,000, 15,175
Megacycles.

XERA, Mexico City, 6.172 Megacycles, 12
Midnight. "Good Neighbor Hour."

BROADCAST BAND

WRC, 570 Kilocycles, WEA 560, WOR, WOR
TIR, WJZ, 760, WNYC, 810, WABO, 860,
WHN, 1010, WNEW, 1260, WEVD, 1500,
WCN, 1500, WQXR, 1500.

MORNING

7:00 A.M. WNYC—Radio Symphony.
WABC—Phil Cook's Almanac.

7:30—WQXR—Breakfast Almanac.

7:45—WABC—Morning News Report.

8:00—WNYC—Trans-Radio News.

8:10—WNYC—World Radio Calendar.

8:15—WNYC—New York State Employment Services and Consumers Guide.

8:30—WHN—U.P. News. WNYC Robert
Worrell's World Fair Reporter.

8:30—WABC—Woman's Page of the Al.

8:45—WNYC—News and Around New York Times.

9:00—WEAF—WJZ—Associated Press News.

9:00—WQXR—Composers Hour.

9:05—WNYC—News about Women.

9:10—WNYC—New York Post.

9:30—WOR—Women Make the News.

WJZ—Breakfast Club.

9:45—WHN—U.P. News.

10:00—WNYC—News. WNYC Piano Recital

11:00—WNYC—News.

11:15—WNYC—"Youth and Music." NYA Program.

11:30—WOR—"Keep Fit to Music."

11:45—WNYC—"Your Health."

12:00—WOR—Radio House-makers Club.

12:00—WHN—News. WNYC Organ

AFTERNOON

13:15—WOR—Radio Symphony of Religion at World's Fair.

13:15—WHN—David Lowe, News of Stage and Screen.

WHN—World's Fair News.

13:30—WNYC—Midwest Symphony.

WHN—"Microphone in the Sky."

Interviews from atop the Empire State Building. WZ National Farm and Home Show.

2:15—WHN—U.S. News. WHOM 1450 (k) American Citizenship Court WPA Program.

2:45—WNYC—News.

WJZ—Band Concerts.

3:15—WNYC—Concert Orchestra.

3:45—WNYC—News.

4:00—WNYC—Federal Music Project Program. WJZ Club Matinee.

WQXR—Music of the Moment.

4:30—WQXR—Hour of Symphonic Music.

WEAF—"Vic and Sade."

WABC—Musical Review.

8:00—WNYC—News.

8:00—WNYC—News. WJZ Dance Music.

A People's Theatre in Harlem

Tommy Richardson
Tells Purposes
Of Negro Group

By Eugene Gordon

Tommy Richardson, comparing forms in the Negro theatre, used two terms which many people have probably wished to hear defined. He said:

"What we need is a minimum program which can include people in both the little theatre and the professional theatre, as a move toward a permanent people's theatre."

The terms which many would perhaps like to hear defined more exactly are "little theatre" and "people's theatre."

He was asked to explain the difference.

Well, in his opinion, the "little theatre" is an amateur theatre of non-professionals. It is, in short, a non-commercial theatre. It plays to a more or less small and restricted audience in its own locality.

Since we were using the Harlem Suitcase Theatre as the core of our discussion, the question logically followed whether or not this venture represented the "little theatre" movement.

Tommy Richardson said that it does not. Because the Harlem Suitcase Theatre directs its program toward the largest possible audience. Its plays, moreover—such as, for instance, "Don't You Want to Be Free?"—are chosen in such a way as to give a picture of contemporary Negro life.

**Ignored Social
Values of Plays**

One of the characteristics of the "little theatre" as originally conceived, says Mr. Richardson, was that it emphasized the skill of the players and the entertainment value of the play while often being indifferent to or even studiously ignoring the play's social value.

In this connection Mr. Richardson might have mentioned the old broadway farces that the Negro "little theatres" used to put on. One such group a few years ago staged "Sailor, Beware" at the Lafayette. This play had, nothing to do with the realities of life in either Harlem or elsewhere as the masses of Negro people were experiencing it. The experiment nevertheless found hearty support among certain people who felt that this kind of thing was a fine antidote to the rough, harsh facts of real life.

As to the "people's theatre"—there is none of that kind yet, but it is in the making. The Harlem Suitcase Theatre, which weekly presents Langston Hughes' living-newspaper play, "Don't You Want to Be Free?", indicates a long step in the direction of a people's theatre. It plays to a more or less small and restricted audience in its own locality.

One of America's most famous newspaper publishers is making an appearance in Darryl Zanuck's experiment. He is James Gordon Bennett, Jr., owner of the old New York Herald. "What do you know about Livingstone?" Bennett asked Henry M. Stanley, his staff reporter a day or two after Stanley's return from Wyoming where he had been covering the movements of the Comanches together with an Indian fighter named Walter Brennan. Stanley hesitated a moment, then replied, "Livingstone"—oh you must mean the explorer.

"A people's theatre has the same relation to the community as the town's favorite football or basketball team," Tommy Richardson said. "When the team plays together, the community turns out in support. It is our team," they feel. Well, they are our team; they feel the same sort of possessive affection."

If it is to become truly a people's theatre, the Harlem Suitcase Theatre must continue not only to present the kinds of plays which depict very clearly the life the people live and can therefore understand, but it must also of necessity have that positive philosophy which is basic in the lives of the Negro people and must never allow its artistic standards to be lowered. Else it will not retain the respect and support of the people.

**Worked With Southern
Negro Youth Congress**

"There must be," Mr. Richardson said, "a constant progression to a higher artistic level."

Who is this Tommy Richardson?



Tommy Richardson

producer and a coordinator of the entire theatre.

In its Sunday night performances of the Hughes' drama the Harlem Suitcase Theatre at present has an alternate set of players, this device being deemed necessary to take up the slack caused by absences on vacation. The Theatre uses the Little Theatre auditorium of the 135th St. Branch of the New York Public Library.

And just what does "Don't You

Want to Be Free?" portend? to be and to do? You ask Tommy Richardson. Does it achieve its end?

He says it is a poetic drama, staged after the fashion of the living newspaper. He believes, incidentally, that living-newspaper technique can be developed much more fully and can be used to far greater advantage than it has been. For this technique allows the playwright broader scope for discussing the things in which he is interested. An excellent example was that early WPA masterpiece, "... one third of a nation..."

**Development Toward
Higher Goal**

"Langston Hughes in his play attempts to present a brief story of the Negro down through history, always indicating the people's progressive role and their attempts to achieve a better life," Mr. Richardson explains. "It indicates also the role which the Negro artist and writer should—and will—play in developing a truly representative American culture. I, think," he ended, "the play achieves its aim very well."

Keeping in mind his characterization of a "people's theatre," we seem to discern in this play and in the general trend of the Harlem Suitcase Theatre a confirmation of its development toward the higher goal. Following a few more showings of "Don't You Want to Be Free?" the Suitcase will put on "The Organizer," a blues opera by Langston Hughes and James Johnson. Johnson is a very fine composer.

Then will come Theodore Ward's dramatization of Richard Wright's "Bright and Morning Star," the tale which during the past year has made brilliant short-story history in the worlds of critics and of the anthologies. "Troubled Island," another Hughes play, this time dealing with Haiti, will be put on later in the season. "The Organizer" is scheduled for some time in November, but will be preceded by two short plays after the close of "Don't You Want to Be Free?"

Tommy Richardson believes that the Suitcase Theatre has a chance to become a place also in which actors formerly of the Federal Theatre may continue to employ their talents. It has already succeeded in drawing around itself such skilled veterans of the professional theatre as Laura Bowman, Mercedes Gilbert, Asodosa Dafora, and, "in a quiet way," Lee Whipper and Louis Sharp. Then there is the help that Perry Watkins and Byron Webb, both formerly of the Federal Theatre, have given with the lighting.

"You see the distinction between the 'little' and the 'people's' theatre, don't you?" Tommy Richardson asked. And he added: "In the Suitcase Theatre you see a people's theatre in the making."

**Langston Hughes
Play Story of Negro
Through History**

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Book Notes

Louis Zara is soon to make his first appearance on the Houghton Mifflin list with "This Land Is Ours"—a novel of the old Northwest Territory, 177-1835.

Across its pages move such historical figures as the great Chief Pontiac, whose conspiracy nearly succeeded in driving the palefaces from the red man's country; Tecumseh, who took up where Pontiac failed and became the Hannibal of the Indian resistance; Chief Blackhawk, in the war against whom Lincoln fought.

Besides these great Indian leaders there is George Croghan, the first American booster of the west; Major Gladwin, who outwitted Pontiac at Detroit; Captain William Wells, who perished at the Fort Dearborn massacre; and Baptiste du Saible, the son of the Santo Domingo Negro who was the first settler on the site of Chicago.

